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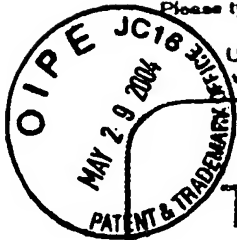
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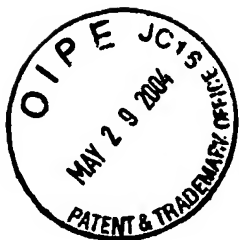
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#### REAL PARTY IN INTEREST

The real party in interest is the above-named Applicant, now Appellant Deborah Tucker, who resides at 2171 Sawkill -Ruby Road, Kingston, NY 12401.

#### RELATED APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

No other appeals and no interferences exist.

#### STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-4 and 8-17 are pending in this Application and all of the fourteen claims are being appealed.

Claims 1-4 and 8-17 are set forth in th Appendix of this Appeal Brief.

Claim 1 remains as amended by amendment dated October 9, 2003 to include among other changes that the paper roll may be fed in either direction to either slot.

Claim 2 remains as originally filed.

Claim 3 remains as originally filed.

Claim 4 has bee3n amended to include the clarification added to claim 1.

Claim 5 has been cancelled.

Claim 6 has been cancelled.

Claim 7 has been cancelled.

Claim 8 remains as originally filed.

Claim 9 remains as originally filed.

Claim 10 remains as originally filed.

Claim 11 was amended to make a technical correction and to define the distance

between the base and the writing panel at both the wide and the narrow ends.

Claim 12 remains as originally filed.

Claim 13 remains as originally filed.

Claim 14 remains as originally filed.

Claim 15 remains as originally filed.

Claim 16 has been amended that the paper roll may be rotated in two directions for either slot.

Claim 17 remains as originally filed.

#### STATUS OF AMENDMENTS

Applicant filed one amendment to which the examiner issued a final rejection. Applicant attempted to file an amendment after final rejection but the Examiner denied entry by contending that the phrase "when the panel is mounted" was not earlier presented and thus raises new issues. It is strongly contended that no new matter was included as the claims were always present in the preamble to the claims. However, the claims pending at this time are allowable without this amendment.

#### SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

A memo device is provided which may be mounted either vertically or horizontally (P.5, lines 4-6) for making notations on a paper sheet fed from a paper roll 23 (P.5, line 4) which permits starting notations both at the top of the paper sheet and the open end of the roll 23. (P.5, lines 19-21). Both the wide end panel 15 and the

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narrow end panel 17 have a slot 27,35 through them. (P.6., lines 7-8) A wide end bar 29 is mounted across the writing panel 13 (P.6, lines 5-6) and the wide end bar 29 has a cutting edge adjacent to the wide end panel 15. (P.6, line 11) Means are also provided for mounting the paper roll. (P.7, lines 13-21) Accordingly a memo device is provided that can be placed on a vertical surface (P. 7, lines 8-12) and on a horizontal surface (P. 6, lines 19-21 and P.7, lines 1-4) As a result, regardless of position, writing can always be commenced at the top of the paper roll 23 which is the open end. (P.5, lines 14-21)

### ISSUES

1. Does the combination of the lane Patent, US Patent 5,432,687 and the Urquhart et al Patent, US Patent 3,645,595 render Applicant's claimed invention unpatentable under 35 USC 103 (a).

2. Do the pending claims of Applicant provide limitations as to vertical and horizontal placement.

The claims under appeal do not stand or fall together but have varying multiple basis for allowance but all the claims include the limitation of a paper roll that can be fed in two different ways so as to extend across the writing panel from opposite directions.

### ARGUMENT

The Examiner has transversed Applicant's argument that the claimed device can be mounted vertically or horizontally. The prerule to each claim expressly defines the

purpose of the claimed invention to be for use either vertically or horizontally. The content of the claims describes a device capable of use either vertically or horizontally. Neither patent cited by the Examiner even hints at such a device.

The Examiner contends that "Lane discloses the invention substantially as claimed except for a slot at the wide end." This is not correct. Lane also fails to teach a device where the direction of feed of the paper roll is reversible. Lane also fails to provide a narrow end bar and shows only one such bar, namely a wide end bar.

Urquhart et al accordingly to the Examiner has a wide end slot but according to the specification of that patent a "channel 13", not a slot is provided and that channel is not in the wide end but rather on the writing surface. Just looking at FIG. 1 of Urquhart et al makes crystal clear that Urquhart et al does not teach a slot. If the device of Urquhart et al were hung vertically, there is no question that the paper roll would fall on the ground. Applicant's claim 1 specifically recites that the paper roll is "adjacent to the wide end panel and beneath the writing panel and for rotating and feeding the paper roll in opposite directions to both slots.

The concept of vertical and horizontal mounting is not even hinted at in either Lane or Urquhart et al. To achieve the result of a device as claimed by Applicant, the wide end slot as claimed by Applicant, would have to be created apart from the cited patents. Likewise, the reversible rotation would have to be developed. The design using a second or narrow end bar would have to be developed. Urquhart et al has a



serated edge and does not have a bar. The combination of Lane and Urquhart et al falls far short of teaching Applicant's device. Neither patent even implies Applicant's device and the benefits that it provides.

### CLAIM ANALYSIS

Claim 1 is patentable over Lane in view of Urquhart et al by including both a wide end bar and a narrow end bar and "a means . . . for rotating and feeding the paper roll in opposite directions to the slot in the wide end panel and to the slot in the narrow end panel." Also, Applicant claims a slot in the wide end panel.

Claim 2 is patentable for the same reasons as claim 1.

Claim 3 is patentable for the same reasons as claim 1.

Claim 4 is patentable for the same reasons as claim 1.

Claim 8 is patentable for the same reasons as claim 1.

Claim 9 is patentable for the same reasons as claim 1.

Claim 10 is patentable for the same reasons as claim 1.

Claim 11 is patentable for the same reasons as claim 1.

Claim 12 is patentable for the same reasons as claim 1.

Claim 13 is patentable for the same reasons as claim 1.

Claim 14 is patentable for the same reasons as claim 1.

Claim 15 is patentable for the same reasons as claim 1.

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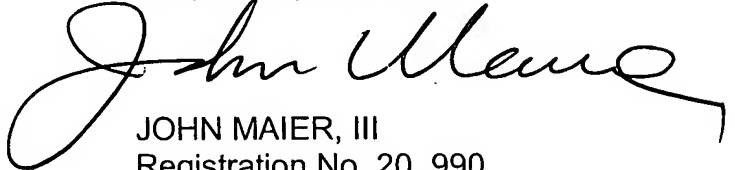
Claim 16 is patentable for the same reasons as claim 1.

Claim 17 is patentable for the same reasons as claim 1.

The claims of Applicant are clearly patentably distinct over the art cited by the Examiner which art has been seriously misconstrued by the Examiner.

The Applicant is entitled to have Claims 1-4 and 8-17 allowed which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX / — /

1 (Amended). A memo device which may be mounted ~~either~~ both vertically or and horizontally for making notations on a paper sheet fed from a paper roll which permits starting notations both at the top of the paper sheet and the open end of the roll, said memo device comprising:

a base panel;

a writing panel inclined to the base panel;

a narrow end panel having a slot through it;

a wide end panel having a slot through it, the writing panel being mounted on the narrow end panel and the wide end panel;

a narrow end bar mounted across the writing panel slightly above the writing panel, the narrow end bar having a cutting edge adjacent to the narrow end;

a wide end bar mounted across the writing panel slightly above the writing panel, the wide end bar having a cutting edge adjacent to the wide end; and

~~a paper roll; and~~

means for mounting the paper roll adjacent to the wide end panel and beneath the writing panel and for rotating and feeding the paper roll in opposite directions to the slot in the wide end panel and to the slot in the narrow end panel.

2. (Original) A memo device according to claim 1 wherein the narrow end panel and the wide end panel are substantially parallel to one another.

3. (Original) . A memo device according to claim 1 wherein the means for mounting the paper roll includes a pair of opposing journals and a spindle mounted in the journals.

4 (Amended). A memo device which may be mounted ~~either~~ both vertically ~~or~~ and horizontally for making notations on a paper sheet fed from a paper roll which permits starting notations both at the top of the paper sheet and the open end of the roll, said memo device comprising:

a base panel;

two side panels, ~~each side panel having a narrow end edge and a wide end edge, the wide end edges being larger than the narrow end edges~~ mounted on the base panel;

a writing panel mounted on the two side panels ~~along the writing edges~~ at an incline to the base panel;

a narrow end panel mounted between the two side panels ~~along the narrow edges,~~ and between the writing panel and the base panel, the narrow end panel having a slot through it;

a wide end panel mounted between the two side panels ~~along the wide edges ,~~ the side end panel having a slot through it, the distance between the base panel and the writing panel being greatest at the wide end panel and being closest at the narrow end panel;

a narrow end bar mounted across the writing panel slightly above the writing panel, the narrow end bar having a cutting edge adjacent to the narrow end;

a wide end bar mounted across the writing panel slightly above the writing panel, the wide end bar having a cutting edge adjacent to the wide end; and

means for mounting the paper roll adjacent the wide end panel and beneath the writing panel and between the side panels, and for rotating and feeding the paper roll in opposite directions to the slot in the wide end panel and to the slot in the narrow end panel.

5. (Cancelled) A memo device according to claim 4 wherein the two side panels each has a base edge, each writing edge being inclined to a base edge.
6. (Cancelled) A memo device according to claim 4 wherein the two side panels each has a base edge, each writing edge being inclined to a base edge; and  
a base panel mounted on the side panels along the base edge.
7. (Cancelled) A memo device according to claim 4 wherein the side panels are substantially parallel to one another.
8. (Original) A memo device according to claim 4 wherein the narrow end panel  
and the wide end panel are substantially parallel to one another.

9. (Original) A memo device according to claim 4 wherein the narrow end panel and the wide end panel are substantially parallel to one another and are substantially at right angles to the side panels

10. (Original) A memo device according to claim 4 wherein the means for mounting the paper roll between the side panels includes pair of opposing journals mounted on the side panels and a spindle mounted in the journals.

11(Amended). A memo device which may be mounted ~~either~~ both vertically or and horizontally for making notations on a paper sheet fed from a paper roll which permits starting notations both at the top of the paper sheet and the open end of the roll, said memo device comprising:

a base panel;

~~two side panels, each side panel having a base edge, a writing edge, a narrow end edge and a wide end edge, the wide end edges being larger than the narrow end edges, the writing edges being inclined to the base edges~~ mounted on the base panel;

~~a base panel mounted on the two side panels along the base edge;~~

a writing panel mounted on the two side panels opposite from the base panel and at an angle to the base panel ~~along the writing edges;~~

a narrow end panel mounted between the base panel and the writing panel and between the two side panels along the narrow edges, the narrow end panel having a slot through it adjacent to the base panel;

a wide end panel mounted between the base panel and the writing panel and between the two side panels along the wide edges, the side end panel having a slot through it adjacent to the base panel, the distance between the base panel and the writing panel being greatest at the wide end panel and being closest at the narrow end panel ;

a narrow end bar mounted across the writing panel slightly above the writing panel, the narrow end bar having a cutting edge adjacent to the narrow end;

a wide end bar mounted across the writing panel slightly above the writing panel, the wide end bar having a cutting edge adjacent to the wide end; and



journals mounted between the writing panel and the base panel;  
a spindle mounted in the journals; -  
a paper roll mounted on the spindle to rotate in one direction to the slot in the  
narrow end panel and to rotate in the opposite direction to the slot in the wide end  
panel;

12. (Original) A memo device according to claim 11 wherein the side panels are substantially parallel to one another.

13. (Original) A memo device according to claim 11 wherein the narrow end panel and the wide end panel are substantially parallel to one another.

14 (Pending). A memo device according to claim 11 wherein the narrow end

14. (Original) . A memo device according to claim 11 wherein the narrow end panel and the wide end panel are substantially parallel to one another and are substantially at right angles to the side panels.

15. (Original) A memo device according to claim 11 wherein the means for mounting the paper roll between the side panels includes a pair of opposing journals mounted on the side panels and a spindle mounted in the journals.

16 (Amended). A memo device which may be mounted either both vertically ~~or~~ and horizontally for making notations on a paper sheet fed from a paper roll which permits starting notations both at the top of the paper sheet and the open end of the roll, said memo device comprising:

a base panel;

~~two side panels, each side panel having a base edge, a writing edge, a narrow end edge and a wide end edge, the narrow end edge and the wide end edge being substantially parallel to one another and generally being at right angles to the base edges panel, the wide end edges being larger than the narrow end edges, the writing edges being inclined to the base edges, the side panels being substantially parallel to one another and having opposing journals located toward the wide end edges and between the writing edges and the base edges;~~

~~a base panel mounted on the two side panels along the base edges;~~  
journals

a writing panel mounted on the two side panels opposite from the base panel and at an angle to the base panel ~~along the writing edges;~~

a narrow end panel mounted between the base panel and the writing panel and between the two side panels ~~along the narrow edges,~~ the narrow end panel having a

slot through it adjacent the base panel;

a wide end panel mounted between the base panel and the writing panel and between the two side panels ~~along the wide edges~~, the side end panel having a slot through it adjacent the base panel, the narrow end panel and the wide end panel being substantially parallel to one another and being generally at right angles to the side panels, the distance between the base panel and the writing panel being greatest at the wide end panel and being closest at the narrow end panel;

a narrow end bar mounted on the side panels and across the writing panel slightly above the writing panel, the narrow end bar having a cutting edge adjacent the narrow end;

a wide end bar mounted on the side panels and across the writing panel slightly above the writing panel, the wide end bar having a cutting edge adjacent the wide end; and

journals mounted between the base panel and the writing panel;

a spindle having a mounting pin at each end, one of the mounting pins being spring loaded, the mounting pins being mounted in the journals; and

a paper roll mounted on the spindle to rotate in one direction to the slot in the narrow end panel and to rotate in the opposite direction to the slot in the wide end panel.

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17. (Original)            A memo device according to claim 16 wherein the base panel is  
slidably mounted on the two side panels.